Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
January 30,2003

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by the club's vice president Mark, AB9CD. The microphone was pass for introductions.

The secretary read the minutes of the November meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Les gave the treasurer's report for the months of September, October, November, December and January. The reports are late due some family problems Les had had in the last few months. A discussion occurred on the expenses for the month of December. Mark explained to the members that the bill for the repeater equipment was paid along with refunds for the Christmas party. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Tom, KF9PU reported on this month's VE testing. There were eleven that tested during the January 4th swapfest and five at last Saturday's testing session. There will be testing in February and at super fest in April at AES. No testing in March.

Mark gave a report on the repeater. The new equipment is working well. There was a problem with the phone but that has been repaired. We will not have to be in a hurry to move from our present location because they have stopped looking for a new location for their business. We are waiting for better weather before the repeater is moved to its new location. The old repeater equipment has not been sold as of now.

A general class will begin on February 1st. Mark and Patrick will be teaching the class. There are four signed up at the present time. The class will start at 12:00 and end about 2:30pm.

The 2003 budget is still in process of being prepared. Hope to have it at the next meeting. Remember that your dues are due at this time and please fill out a renewal form.

The VHF/UHF contest is February 9th at 2:00pm. This is a FM simplex contest on 2-6-440-220 meters. Each band will be in operation for 30 minutes.

Pancho is looking for articles for the chatter. If you can write up an article, send it to him.

Jerry,WA9CGE stated that Field Day is the 4th weekend of June. He hopes to have some surprises for the event. If you can help in any way contact Jerry.

Pancho stated that Tom Gettleman had passed away. There is a card for everyone to sign. The funeral is on Monday February 3rd.

Rick Kissell WB9GYT and John Merkl WB9PSE donated an Icom 746 and antenna to Boy's Tech. Rick stated that the ARRL Handbook is an approved textbook for MPS. Anyone that can donate equipment or coax contact either Rick or John. Jerry WA9CGE stated he has a power supply that he will donate.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Meeting adjourned.

The program for tonight's meeting is QSLing presented by Tom AB9EK. The program ended at 8:20pm.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
February 27,2003

Meeting called to order by Mark AB9CR, clubs vice president at 7:00pm. Introductions were made by all.

Tom AB9EK, read the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Les AB9EY gave the treasurer's report for January 15th through February 15th. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Tom stated that the club is signed up for a table at super fest on April 4-5th at AES. One of the speakers at super fest will be from the cable company talking about interference to amateurs and amateurs interfering with the cable system. Plan on attending and have fun.

Tom KG9EE and the VECs have put together a manual for the testing team. The manual contains guidelines for the VEC and the VE. The VE's will get to study the manual and possibly be tested on it. On February 22nd there were 9 candidates for testing and 8 passed.

Mark stated that there is free computer repair service at the WCTC campus. See him for more details. Also a roster will be published sometime between April and June.

The Church has requested a donation of $200 from us for the use of the hall. The money will be used for new sound equipment. In past years we have donated funds for various items. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Pancho to give the Church a donation of $200.00 for their purchase of new sound equipment. Discussion occurred. Motion passed.

Field Day is June 27-28th and will be held at Pioneer Village. This will also be the club's picnic. Jerry WA9CGE is again the Field Day chairman. He is looking for volunteers to be station captains; duties would be to take care of the equipment and set up operating times for the different bands that each station will use. We will also need help with the food preparations. See Jerry if you can help.

DJ, KC9AYO is doing code on the air on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

There is a bus trip to Dayton on May 17-18th. The MRC is sponsoring this and you do not have to be a member of the MRC to attend. The cost is $70.50, which includes the bus to and from Milwaukee, a hotel room and tickets for both days at the fest. For more information contact KB9ZAG or KC9COY on the 91 repeater. This is first come first serve.

There will be a swap fest in Cedarburg on May 3rd and in Oak Creek, sponsored by the South Milwaukee Club, on July 12th. The South Milwaukee Club will have an auction on Wednesdays March 5th at 6:00pm in Oak Creek, the same place the swap fest is held.

George Pfister, W9IZQ, talked about how Tom Gettelman and himself first became hams. This was a nice tribute to Tom who passed away last month.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Meeting adjourned and the program began. The program was the Circus Train presented by Phil, KC9CI. Thank you Phil for the presentation.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
March 27,2003

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by club president Patrick,W9UQ. The microphone was passed for introductions. Tom AB9EK, the club's secretary, read the minutes of the February meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed. Les AB9EY, the club's treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. Motion passed. Les then announced his resignation as the club's treasurer. He gave a short statement as to why he was resigning and thanked members for their support. We now are looking for a new treasurer.

Old Business: Jerry, WA9CGE is looking for station captions for Field Day. We will have four stations set up but will be operating all bands. Each station will be operating multiply bands. See Jerry if you can help. Also think of a movie you would like to see that night at Field Day. This will be the question on the sign in sheet next month.

The repeater was off the air from time to time during the week of March 21-26. The Technical committee has been looking for the problem. Mark, AB9CD stated that the repeater might get moved to its new location in a month or two.

Patrick stated that we need volunteers for a Membership Committee. This committee would provide services to the members such as change of address, phone number etc. and look for new members. Patrick asked if the members would want a membership card or not. A show of hands was asked for and the majority does not want a membership card. We will not have membership cards.

Pancho, KA9OFA read a thank you card from the Nancy, wife of Tom Gettelman who passed away, thanking the club for the card we sent.

VEC: Tom, KF9PU stated that there will be testing on April 5th at AES in conjunction with Superfest. There will also be testing on the last Saturday of April. The testing team will then break for the summer but will hold a testing session in July. A new question pool for the Technician Class will be used starting in July. The VE's will have a meeting on March 30th to discuss a manual to be used as a guide for the testing team. Tom KG9EE and the rest of the VECs put the manual together.

FM Contest: Sherm, KB9Q stated that there were 35-40 participants in the contest that was held on February 9th. He received logs from 15-18 participants and sent out notices to those who had not sent in their logs. He will have a list of the participants and winners at Superfest. Certificates will be sent out at the end of April. Patrick suggested that the contest committee summit an article to QST about the contest.

Howard is looking for help in traffic handling and someone with a HF rig that will work on 75 meters. He is doing a presentation on traffic handling at the State Home Schooling Conference on May 8-10th. Howard will be there for the entire weekend. Patrick stated that he would contact the section manager for help in this matter.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Meeting adjourned. Skip, WD9HAS on Severe Weather Spotter Training, provided the program. Due to a power outage at 8:05PM we were not able to continue with the program. Skip will be back in April to do it again.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
May 29,2003

Patrick, WQ9UQ the club's president, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. The microphone was passed for introductions.

The meeting was turned over to John Kraak to run the election for new Board members. The following were nominated in April for the Board, Pancho KA9OFA, Jerry WA9CGE and Dick W9JBE. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect the above nominees. Motion passed. Congratulations to the new Board members. Patrick gave a thank you to John WB9PSE for his time that he had served on the Board.

John Kraak stated that there is VE testing on Saturday May 31st at AES.This is the last testing session before the new Technician class question pool takes effect on July 1st.

Tom, AB9EK the club's secretary, read the minutes of the April club meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read. Minutes approved. Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurer report for the month of May. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved.

Field Day is fast approaching. There will be a club meeting just before the event. Jerry, WA9CGE has directions to the Field Day location. Jerry stated that setup would start at 8:00am on Saturday June 28th and take down on Sunday June 29th around noon. The club will operate on 80 meters to 70cm. If you would like to bring any of your own equipment you are welcome to do so. The club's picnic will start on Saturday June 28th at 1:00pm and end around 5:00pm. The movie for Saturday night will be "Contact" and there will be popcorn.

Kevin KC9BZU is chairman of the Membership committee. He has a question aire that he would like members to fill out. Kevin wants to know what you like or don't like about the club, what could be improved, and if you have any ideas for club programs. The question aire will be in the next Chatter. Patrick stated that he had received many comments on how improved the club's Chatter has become.

Mark, AB9CD stated that he has some printed copies of the 2003 club roster. If you receive the Chatter via e-mail you will also receive the roster the same way. Make sure you have given Mark your correct e-mail address. A letter was received from Fred Lynn explaining what has been going on with him. He stated he should be back on the air soon.

Tom KG9EE stated that he would be going to Bermuda for two weeks in September- October. If you would like to receive a QSL card from Tom in Bermuda, see him to set up a contact time.

K9JJ donated to the club some older club documents he had. Dave DeFebo will go through them and put them into the club's history file.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Meeting adjourned. The club program for tonight is the annual club auction run by Dave DeFebo.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
April 24,2003

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by the club's president Patrick, W9UQ. The microphone was passed for introductions.

Patrick informed the membership that Mark Tellier, AB9CD has resigned as Vice President and has taken over the duties of the Treasurer. Our new Vice President is now Kevin Reemes, KC9BZU who was appointed by Patrick.

Howard Parks, AB9FH, needs help with NTS traffic net. His intensions are to relay messages mostly of the ARRL 51 variety as a demonstration at the Wisconsin CHEA Conference- Radiogram booth. The dates are May 8th 5pm to 10pm, May 9th 8am to 8pm and May 10th 8am to 6pm, located at the Olympia Resort & Conference Center in Oconomowoc. He needs someone with an HF rig and antenna for 75 meters.

At March's meeting the membership voted by a show of hands that the club would not have membership cards. Mark AB9CD had cards made out anyway and anyone attending the club's meeting who has paid their dues will receive a membership card for 2003.

Tom AB9EK, the club's Secretary, read the minutes of the March meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Mark, AB9CD the club's Treasurer gave the financial report. A show of hands was asked for, that the Treasurer's report be given rounded to the nearest dollar. Membership approved of this. The financial report was approved as read.

The May meeting will be the club's auction and Dave DeFebo will be the auctioneer. Fred Mikolajewski, KC9WW donated an ICOM IC-T2H 144MHz transceiver to the club to be auctioned off at the May meeting. Thank You Fred.

John Kraak, KF9XL gave the Election Committee Report. The committee members are John Kraak KF9XL, Jack Hughes W9ULA and Sherm Swanson KB9Q. There are three directors' positions that need to be filed. This is a two year term 2003 to 2005. The following have been nominated and have accepted the nomination for a director position; Pancho Doneis KA9OFA, Jerry Wahlen WA9CGE and Dick Wood W9JBE. John Merkl WB9PSE has decided not to run. The election will be at the May meeting.

There will be VEC testing on April 26th at 9:30am and than again on May 31st. There will be no testing in June and August. There will be a special testing session in July. Regular testing sessions will again begin in September.

Mark gave a report on the Club's repeater. The repeater is being moved to its new location. During the move, the repeater will be off the air. It is suggested that anyone who normally would use the repeater go to the old frequency of 147.045 until the repeater is back on the air.

Kevin Reemes, KC9BZU is the chairperson of the Membership Committee. He stated that he would like to have a questionnaire at the next meeting for members to fill out. He plans on contacting those members who have not renewed their dues and those who we have not seen in some time. If you think you can help on this committee, contact Kevin.

Field day is coming up in June. Jerry ,WA9CGE, still needs station captains. If you can help in any way please contact Jerry. Patrick stated that he would have a telescope at field day along with a movie to watch on Saturday night. The question on the sign in sheet asked for a movie suggestion. The movie that was mentioned most often is "Contact". Someone have any popcorn to bring?

Pancho motioned and DJ seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Meeting adjourned.

Due to a power failure in March the program was not presented, so Skip WD9HAS is back tonight to do the Seve Weather Spotting program. Thanks Skip for returning.

Respectful submitted
Tom Schulte,AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
June 26, 2003

Patrick, W9UQ the club's president, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. The microphone was passed for introductions. We had a guest from Poland, Tom Ciepelowski SP5CCC.

The club's secretary read a thank you letter from Jeananne, N9VSV, the EC for Milwaukee ARES. She was thanking the club for allowing the ARES group use of the club's repeater for the Miller Lite Ride for the Arts. Mark, AB9CD explained how important the repeater was for the ARES group. They were able to access the machine with a HT running 5 watts under a bridge. The repeater preformed very well for the event.

Tom, AB9EK read the minutes of the May membership meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Jerry, WA9CGE gave a status report on the upcoming Field Day event. Setup will start at 8:00am on Saturday June 27th at the OCHS. There will be antennas set up for all bands and will be far enough apart so that each operating station will not interfere with the other operating on the same band but different mode. Nels, WA9YAL and his wife will be doing the food preparation for the event. Since this is also the club's picnic, the starting time will be at 1:00pm and end around 5:00pm. Everyone come out and enjoy the festivities.

Mark gave a status report on the club's repeater. The radio room is taking shape and the others involved with this operation are moving in their equipment. The repeater will experiences some outages as work continues at the site.

Patrick was given a newspaper article that was printed in a local community paper on June 23,2003. The article was titled "Ham-ming It Up." Also a few weeks ago the National Radio Broadcast aired a program on Amateur radio that was prompted by a new book, Hello World.

Mark had some items that were for sale and all proceeds went to the club. Patrick also had some items to auction off; an 807 tube with Japanese's and Chinese's writing on it and a book on ham radio from 1922.

Our visitor from Poland was asked to tell us a little bit about himself. Tom, SP5CCC stated that he has been a ham since 1964 and likes to work CW. He is also active on HF SSB, VHF and UHF. He enjoys working the digital modes but he prefers CW. Tom stated that he was proud to be a guest at one of the oldest Amateur Radio Club around.

Sherm, KB9Q talked a bit on the new 60 meter band and how he is going to make a plug-in board for his Drake TR 7 in order to operate the band.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Dick Wood, W9JBE, provided the program on QRP.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
July 31,2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Kevin, KC9BZU, the club's vice president. Patrick was out of town. Introductions were made and Warren, K9IZV pointed out that there were three first timers to our meeting.

Kevin passed around a newspaper article that Patrick had received from Barbara Brewer. The article was from the Birmingham Post Herald featuring a ten year old ham by the name of Rebecca, WG4Y, an extra class ham. Patrick had talked with her on kids' day and was quite impressed with her.

Tom, AB9EK, the club's secretary, read the minutes of the June meeting. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Mark, AB9CD, the club's treasurer gave the financial report. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve as read. Motion passed.

Jerry, WA9CGE gave a report on this Field Day/Club Picnic. Jerry stated that there were poor band conditions and the club's contacts were one third of last year contacts, about 200. Everyone that attended seemed to have enjoyed the activities. Jerry stated that Nels, WA9YAL, and his wife Melody, would serve next year if Jerry remains field Day Chairman. A round of applause was given to Jerry.

Mark gave a report on the repeater. At this time, everything is working fine. He thinks that a possible equipment configuration change might occur since the others involved in this project are moving in.

Tom, KF9PU, gave us a report on the NCVEC conference he attended. He stated that there was discussion on dropping the CW requirement. He stated that the W5YI team has drafted a petition to drop the code requirement and the petition has been filed with the FCC. Look for the FCC to ask for opinions on this matter. It might take up to a year or so before the code requirement would go away. Tom also stated that the FCC ULS system is being updated to make it more user friendly. Look for this around November. The new General Class question pool should be released in December. Tom also stated that there was some discussion on a new entry class license possibly restricted to 50 watts, but doesn't think this would happen. Tom was elected the new Chairman for the 2004 conference. Congratulations.

John Kraak stated that there is no VE testing in August. Testing would resume in September. John stated that if you are elmering anyone for the Technician Class license that you make sure you are using the new question pool. The new technician tests are based on this question pool and took effect on July 1st.

Tom, AB9EK, read a letter that came from the International Association of Fire Chiefs Weekly Homeland Security Bulletin. This bulletin "stated the importance of licensed amateur radio operators as part of the critical infrastructures of the emergency response community". Tom Czaja, KG9EE, provided this bulletin.

Please note that the Grayslake hamfest is on September 20-21st. Their fliers had the wrong date on them.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Meeting adjourned.

The program on razing a tower was provided by Mark Tellier, AB9CD.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership meeting
August 28, 2003

Brian, K9LCQ at 7:10pm, called the meeting to order. The club's President and Vice President were not available for tonight's meeting. Introductions were made. Warren, K9IZV introduced those individuals that were at the meeting for the first time.

Tom, AB9EK read the minutes from the July meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed. Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurer's report. Mark stated that the club's CD would be renewed for one year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as given. Motion passed.

A letter was received from Fred Linn. It stated that he and his wife are in their new home and that he would be returning to amateur radio soon. A letter was also received from the Badger Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired. The letter was a thank you to the MRAC for the donation of $50. The donation was made on the behalf of the VEC for the brail tests that Howard Kaufman had made for them.

A hamfest will be held in St.Paul, Minnesota on Saturday October 25, 2003 at the RiverCentre for those who are interested.

At the Board meeting on Monday night the 25th, it was decided that this year's Christmas party would again be held at the Machine Shed. No date has been set and you pay for what you order. We need someone to contact the Machine Shed to set this up.

Mark stated that the repeater had been reconfigured and that the transmit antenna is at the lower level and the receive antenna is at the higher level. This seems to be working well.

Rick, W9GYT had stated that he has some equipment that could be used at the club meetings for those who have a hard time hearing what is going on. He will bring it to the next meeting for a try out.

Brian announced the resignation of the club's treasurer Mark, AB9CD. The Board is sorry to see him give up this position.

Dave, WB9BWP has been working on putting the club's history onto CD's. At this time, he has some 360 digital pictures, 4-5 years of the Chatter in PDF files and a PowerPoint presentation on a two CD set. These CD's will be used for a fundraiser for the club. The cost for the set will be a donation of minimum of $10 for one CD and $15-20 for both. Mark, AB9CD will be taking orders for them. At tonight's meeting, Dave stated that serial one of the CD set is in the club files and serial two is going to Don Michalski W9IXG the Wisconsin Section Manager. Dave had three other serialized sets that went up for auction. Set number three went to Mark AB9CD, number four to Dick W9JBE, and number five to Pancho KA9OFA. It was suggested that we see if the Public Library or the Historical Society would like a set.

Dick Wood, W9JBE gave a short presentation on next month's program that he will be presenting, DX Beacons.

Mark stated that he had flyers made up asking for what class should be taught. He will put some at AES. Dick WB9PTC stated that he would be doing the code practice on the air on Mondays and Wednesdays until DJ returns to take over.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Meeting adjourned.

Don Michalski, W9IXG, provided the Wisconsin Section Manager the program for tonight. Don spoke about Broad Band over the Power Lines and continuing education provided by the ARRL over the Internet. He also spoke about "The Big Project". The Big Project is an education and technology program, which involves Amateur radio, Amateur Clubs and Schools. The focus of the program is on wireless technology. He is looking for clubs to spearhead this here in Wisconsin. He thought that the MRAC would like to get involved since we are a teaching club already. Don is willing to provide technical assistance. Rick, W9GYT stated that John WB9PSE and himself are already working with a school in the Milwaukee area. Don stated that he would like to get together with them to discuss the matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
September 25,2003

Tom, AB9EK the club's secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Tom ran the meeting because the Vice President is out of town and at this time the club does not have a President. The microphone was passed for introduction. Tom announced the resignation of Patrick, W9UQ as the club's president. Patrick resigned due to health reasons and made this known in his last article in the September Chatter.

Tom, AB9EK stated that at the last Board meeting in August, the Board members decided that the minutes from the previous month's membership meeting would not be read since it is published in the newsletter. A show of hands was asked for to see how many members do not want the minutes read. The majority of the members do not want the minutes read. There was discussion on the matter. Howard, AB9FH stated that the club runs under Roberts Rules of Order and that we should find out what is the correct procedure for the reading of the minutes. It was decided that until we find out how to proceed, that the minutes would continue to be read. Tom, AB9EK then read the minutes of the August membership meeting. A motion was made by Pancho KA9OFA and seconded by Matt KB9PRC to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Matt to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion passed. Mark stated that the repeater is working well and the club's answering machine has been moved from the home of John Kraak to the repeater site. Mark had purchased a device that allows the club to have the answering machine and repeater control via one phone. (Thank you, Mark, AB9CD for that donation.) This will save the club about $20 a month. The new club phone number is 414- 332-MRAC. Mark had listed the club's old Icom repeater on E-BAY. It sold in less than twelve hours for the asking price of $700. Thank you Mark.

Sherm, KB9Q stated that the MRAC FM Contest would be held on the second Sunday of February ,2004. There will be some changes made to the event. Possibly have a longer time limit on some bands and a change in the point system. The FM Contest committee is Sherm KB9Q, Brian K9LCQ, Mark AB9CD, Tom AB9EK, and Jeff K9VS. Sherm thought that we should try to promote this event in other cities/states and make announcements in QST and the VHF/UHF reflectors. A plaque showing the winning club from this year's contest, MRAC, will be on display at EAS. Sherm donated the plaque. Thanks you, Sherm.

Tom announced that VEC testing for the fall and winter schedule would begin on September 27th at EAS.

If you have an article that you would like to see published in the Chatter, see Pancho. Mark stated that future e-mailings of the Chatter would have directions in the body of the e-mail explaining how you can discontinue receiving the Chatter or other mailings from the club if you desire.

The club will again have a Christmas party at the Machine Shed. You will order from the menu and pay for your own food and drink. Vern, W9RYA volunteered to contact the Machine Shed for a date, either a Saturday or Sunday. If you plan on attending, please let Vern know. Thank you, Vern.

Dave, WB9BWP spoke about the club history cd that he had put together. The cost for one is a $10 donation and you can have both for a donation of $15-20. Dave stated that there would be more volumes of the club's history coming next year. A computer was set up and running the slide show that is on the first cd for those who would like to see just what is on them. Thank you, Dave.

Tom asked if the club should have a table at the MRC hamfest on November 1st. In pass years, the club has had a table at this fest. There was some discussion on the matter. Jerry WA9CGE stated that he would be attending the fest and that there would be no need for the club to purchase a table and admission ticket. Jerry stated that he has the club banner and would need some club information to have on the table. Thank you, Jerry.

Vern, W9RYA stated that the South Milwaukee radio club would have an auction on October 1st at the Legion Post in Oak Creek. This is the same location as the hamfest in July.

Del, KA9ZMK stated that the Menomonee Falls radio would have a demonstration of Amateur Radio on October 11th at the Shady Lane Nursery in the Falls. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ken, W9MOT has a friend who is looking for a used tower that can handle a satellite antenna. If you know of someone that wants to get rid of one, let Ken know.

At last month's meeting Don Michalski, W9IXG spoke about Broad Band over the Power Lines (BPL) and asked if the MRAC could help out the ARRL defense fund with a donation. Mark, AB9CD made a motion that the MRAC donate $50 to the ARRL defense fund for BPL. Pancho seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposed.

Vern stated that our State's senators, Kohl and Feingold, are not promoting Amateur radio and wants to know what we can do about it. Vern wanted to know if anyone has any knowledge of them taking any action/ stand on related Amateur radio issues and what can we do about it. There was some discussion on the subject and it was stated the best way to contact our senators was to send them a fax expressing you wishes.

Tom asked Rick, WB9GYT if there has been any progress with the setup of an Amateur Radio station at Boy's Tech. Rick stated he is waiting to hear back from someone at the school and would be contacting them soon. Rick and Don Michalski had talked at the last club meeting on this issue.

Jerry stated that Herb Wayman passed away last month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Dick Wood, W9JBE, presented the program for tonight's meeting, DX Beacons.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Call meeting to order at 7:00pm

Welcome

1. Introductions
2. Inform membership on the status of the president

Old business

1. Inform the membership that the minutes will be read, there is no reference to Roberts Rules of Order in the current by-laws.
2. Secretary reads minutes
3. Treasurer report
4. Repeater update
5. Christmas party update
6. Big Project update
7. FM Simplex Contest

New business

1. Overhead projector
2. Updated documents
3. Banner update
4. Promote training classes

Adjourn

Presentation

1. Tom AB9EK – RF exposure

Refreshments

Raffle

Cleanup

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Membership Meeting
October 30, 2003

Brian, K9LCQ at 7:05pm, called the meeting to order. All those who were present made introductions. Brian stated that we hope to have a new President by the November meeting.

At the September meeting the Board suggested that the minutes of the meetings would not be read since they are published in the newsletter. Upon investigating Roberts Rules of Order, the Board decided to continue to read the minutes of the membership meetings. Tom, AB9EK read the minutes of the September meeting. Mark, AB9CD noted a correction. The old repeater sold for $750 not $700. A motion was made by Sherm and seconded by Les to accept the minutes as read with the correction to the sale of the repeater. Motion passed.

Mark, AB9CD gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Sherm to accept the report as read. Motion passed.

Mark gave a report on the club's repeater. At one time, the lines to the antennas were switched. We were receiving on the upper one and transmitting on the lower antenna. That now has been fixed so we are transmitting on the upper antenna and receiving on the lower. This has solved some interference we had. Mark also stated that Navy MARRS and some other groups are now moving onto the site. Our equipment is now in racks instead of the cabinet we had and the feed lines have been pressurized.

Vern, W9RYA gave a report on the club's Christmas party. It will be at The Machine Shed on Saturday December 6th starting at 5:30pm. You will order from the menu and pay for your own. Pancho was given a menu so that he can put some of the meal prices in the next newsletter. If you are planning to go, please let Vern know at the next meeting in November. He needs a head count to give to the restaurant at least one week before the event.

Sherm, KB9Q gave a report on the 2004 FM Contest, which will be held on February 8th. There are flyers located at AES and there will be some at the upcoming swapfest. Sherm stated that when you go to other club meeting to talk about the contest. The event should be getting some publicity in some of the national Amateur radio magazines. There are some changes to the 2004 contest so be sure to check the rules, which can be found on the club's web page and the contest flyers.

Brian stated that Dick WB9PTC found the overhead projector that was located on the front table, for a cost of $20. The club now owns the projector. Thank you Dick.

Brian, K9LCQ, has updated all the club's documents for 2004. Brian also had the club's banner changed to show the new club repeater frequencies.

At present time, there are five people interested in an amateur radio class. The instructors would like to have at least six to ten in a class. No date as of yet for a new class startup.

Mark suggested that the club should have some kind of fundraiser so that the club could purchase a video projector. The one we have been using in the past belonged to Patrick, W9UQ. This projector would allow any putting on a program, using a computer or a video camera, to project the images on a screen without having to use an overhead projector and transparencies. The cost for a good one is around $2500.00.

Dick, WB9PTC stated that Dan KB9YDI was helping him with the code on the air class. If anyone else would like to help out, contact Dick.

Tom, KF9PU stated that John Kraak is looking for volunteers to be VE's. He would like to have four more VE's on the testing team. If you have an extra class license, contact John if you are interested in becoming a VE.

Tom, AB9EK stated that the club is listed on the ARRL Honor Role page for the donation to the BPL fund.

Brian stated that the club's insurance is due in December, so look for a large expense in next month's treasurer's report. Mark has club history CD's for sale, cost is $10 donation for volume one and $15-$20 donation for volume one and two.

Kate stated that the MRC swapfest is Saturday November 1st from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

A motion was made by Sherm and seconded by Pancho to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

The program was presented by Tom AB9EK on RF Exposure.

Respectfully submitted,
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Club Secretary

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Sent: Monday, November 24, 2003 6:04 PM
Subject: MRAC meeting minutes correction

A correction

Please note that Tom, KF9EE under went back surgery
Was changed to
Tom, KG9EE under went back surgery

Officers and Directors in attendance.
President Kevin Reeme KC9BZU
Vice-President Brian White K9LCQ
Treasurer Joe Schwarz N9UX
Director Pancho Doneis KA9OFA
Director Tom Fuszard KF9PU
Director Jerry Wahlen WA9CGE
Director Mark Tellier AB9CD
Director Dick Wood W9JBE

Officers and Directors in absence
Secretary Tom Schulte AB9EK notified the board at the board meeting that he would be unable to attend the club meeting. That one of us should bring and read the minutes.

Meetings minutes from the November 20, 2003 gathering of the MRAC. The meeting was called to order by Kevin, KC9BZU at 7:15pm. Kevin introduced himself and explained the realignment of the Board of Directors. Kevin, KC9BZU moved from Vice-President to President after the resignation of Patrick, W9UQ. Brian K9LCQ moved from Director to Vice-President. Joe, N9UX was appointed and accepted the position of Treasurer. Mark, AB9CD, who resigned as Treasurer but continued with the responsibilities. Mark will transition the duties to Joe after the renewal period is completed in January 2004. Mark will also fill the Director position vacated by Brain's appointment to Vice-president.

There was no reading of October minutes since no one remembered to bring them.

Mark read the Treasurers report. Les AB9EY made a motion to approve the report as read, Pancho, KA9OFA seconded the motion.

Mark gave a repeater status report. The repeater is working without any problems. The sale of the old repeater was explained, the proceeds from the repeater sale were to be placed into the repeater fund, but were mistakenly

placed under the board category general fund. Mark explained that he will be moving the proceeds from the repeater sale to the repeater fund. Vern, W9RYA asked if this was like Peter robbing Paul. And wasn't the old repeater bought from the general fund? This does NOT change the funds in the general fund as the repeater fund is part of the general fund. There was a board decision at the time the repeater with up for sale the proceeds would be placed in the category, repeater fund after the sale was completed.

Tom, KF9PU updated the membership on the VEC status. John, KF9XL would like some help at the testing session the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If anyone can help, to get in touch with John before the testing session. One of our VE Tom, KG9EE under went back surgery and is doing well. The ULS updates at the FCC Website are behind schedule. There were questions for Tom.

Vern, W9RYA updated the membership on the Christmas party. If anyone wants to attend to contact time soon so he can give a head count to the Machine Shed. Phone No. (414) 762-3235 or Email ryatex@aol.com

Floyd AB9EX asked about theory classes. Mark, AB9CD explained that forms for the theory classes have been received but in insufficient quantities to hold a class. There were several more questions from the floor regarding classes. Mark explained that we will hold class as soon we get 6-8 requests for a particular class. More then 10 people the class can become interesting. Less then 4 the time is not well spent. The optimum class size is 8 students with class sizes of 6-10 being acceptable.

Mark, AB9CD also made announcement of several email addresses that are bouncing Chatter mailings. If the address is yours or you know who it belongs to please contact him at ab9cd@arrl.net or contact the club at w9rh@arrl.net.

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There was no new business.

Brian, K9LCQ made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:32pm and seconded by Pancho, KA9OFA

The program for the evening was the Milwaukee - USS Des Moines Historic Naval Ship Project

Respectfully submitted, Brian, K9LCQ